

# Intelligence Operations

An introduction

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**W**ithin HQMC, the Marine Corps Intelligence Department, Intelligence Operations (IO) Division oversees several key roles such as manpower, structure, and training. In this role, the IO Division addresses issues that range from the prioritization of billets that the monitors work to fill to manning levels within current and future intelligence formations, as well as the myriad of training that is required to ensure our 02XX (intelligence) and 26XX (signals intelligence/ground electronic warfare) Marines are positioned and fully prepared to meet the requirements of MAGTFs operating at bases and stations or as forward deployed. With the role of overseeing the occupational field management and health of all of our MOSs, the IO Division was directly involved in the creation of the new cyber MOS and is monitoring the potential impacts that 17XX and Future Force 2025 may have on our intelligence workforce. The IO Division constantly assesses the intelligence billets across the Corps as well as the most up-to-date training, which Marines require to serve their units across the Marine Corps Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Enterprise. The IO Division remains engaged with Marine forces, MEFs, and their subordinate commands to adjust manning levels and training requirements appropriately.

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*Signals intelligence Marines have unique capabilities and are prepared to meet MAGTF requirements. (Photo by LCpl Bryan Nygaard.)*

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Never a fast or simple process, the IO Division provides input and recommendations to the Director of Intelligence and works continuously with elements of HQMC, Training and Education Command, and other organizations to provide our MAGTFs with the Marines, the skills, and the training required to accomplish the mission, whatever that

mission might be. With the critical need to ensure that our intelligence formations are properly filled with the best-trained Marines, the HQMC IO Division is constantly reviewing structure and training to provide the best intelligence support possible to our forces across the globe.

